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**REQUEST
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Application Number	09/603,323
Filing Date	6/26/2000
First Named Inventor	Fang Sun
Art Unit	1711
Examiner Name	U. Rajguru
Attorney Docket Number	5003073-005US2

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
- iii. ☐ Other ____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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- b. ☐ Other ____

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Art Unit 1711

For: **MANUFACTURE OF WEB SUPERABSORBENT POLYMER AND FIBER**

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AMENDMENT/REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed June 13, 2003, based on the final rejection mailed March 13, 2003 Applicant hereby submits the following remarks. If any additional fees for this response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-2190.

Amendments

1. (Currently Amended) A water sorptive product which is a ~~partially in situ~~ neutralized, wet-laid web of a superabsorbent polymer and fiber wherein the superabsorbent polymer is partially neutralized wherein the neutralization of the polymer is conducted after mixing the polymer with the fiber during the wet-laid process of making a web, wherein the product exhibits a superior centrifuge retention capacity property.